

Regarding receiving Denver television stations in La Plata and Montezuma Counties, Colorado

Federal Communications Commission:

Please allow residents of La Plata and Montezuma counties in southwest Colorado to receive Denver television stations via satellite. As you are aware, the only "area" television stations we are allowed to receive via satellite are out of Albuquerque, NM.

It is important to residents of southwest Colorado to have access to television within the state we reside for numerous reasons;

Our two regional airports, Durango/LaPlata and Cortez airports have flights to and from Denver, not Albuquerque. If Denver is having problems getting flights out of Denver International Airport they report it on the Denver stations, not Albuquerque's stations. We need the news out of Denver because it is more applicable to our lives than the news out of Albuquerque.

I work throughout much of Colorado and my main Regional Office is in Denver. I need access to the evening news out of Denver to keep up with what is happening, travel and weather concerns and other issues I am dealing with from Glenwood Springs through Lakewood. My area of responsibility for my job is Colorado, not New Mexico.

It's my understanding the requirement for us to receive only Albuquerque stations is based on marketing issues (advertising). In this age of the internet the influence of advertising seen on television is minimal. I will still shop at the stores that have the items I am looking for at the price I am looking for. That may mean I will shop in Farmington, NM, Albuquerque, Denver or Durango. Restricting me to seeing only advertising out of Albuquerque because you are restricting me to only Albuquerque stations will not cause me to shop in Albuquerque.

If need be, require the satellite services to bundle packages that include the Albuquerque stations as well as the Denver stations. I will gladly pay for both to receive the Denver option.

We can legally subscribe to and receive newspapers from anywhere in the U.S. (or world for that matter), television should be no different. We should be allowed to subscribe, pay for, and receive any television feeds from anywhere in the U.S. and not be restricted regarding what we can watch based on where we live.

Thanks you for your consideration, and please change the regulations to allow us to receive the television stations we choose.

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